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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD****SUBJECT:**Interview with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

1. I described for [REDACTED] the general problems discussed in the paper on "Fundamental Research on Unconventional and Political Warfare," including the recommendation that [REDACTED] be sounded out on the possibility of undertaking some of the research involved.

2. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] would most likely be interested in this type of research. Since [REDACTED] are going to be in [REDACTED] during the week of 13 September when [REDACTED] will be discussing the project with the [REDACTED] people there, [REDACTED] agreed to brief [REDACTED] on my conversation and then try to work [REDACTED] into the [REDACTED] conferences next week.

3. [REDACTED] repeated the well-known facts about [REDACTED] reluctance to engage in any research that smacks of urgency or that involves operations. I suggested that the nature of the project with which we are concerned involves as much the kind of material in which [REDACTED] researchers might become interested as some of the things they are now doing and that in any event we should withhold firm judgments on the matter until [REDACTED] returns. [REDACTED] agreed.

4. I explored [REDACTED] security set-up with [REDACTED] rather thoroughly. With a few exceptions all members of the [REDACTED] staff have been cleared through top secret by the Air Materiel Command. The few exceptions are persons who are cleared through secret only because they do not have to deal with material of higher classification. However, in the future all staff members will be cleared through top secret. Their clearance means that they have free

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access to Air Force classified materials. In dealing with other Government agencies, however, either to give or receive classified information, they must have the special consent of the Air Force. I indicated that should we reach a point where it seems that the Agency and [ ] might collaborate on the project discussed, we would do our best to assure [ ] a minimum of inconvenience in conforming to Agency security requirements.

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5. It was agreed that Mr. Bissell and [ ] should continue the discussion as soon after the latter returns from abroad (about 22 September) as practicable.

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